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### OREGON HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The High School Play--Literary Program --- Personal Qualities of a Good Teacher.

(BY E. M. BROOKS, SUPERINTENDENT.)

Members of the High School are preparing their midsemester play. Last year the High School gave a most entertaining play entitled "The Mishaps of Minerva." This was so successful and so helpful in training to those who took part that it was deemed practical to have another this year. Our people always support and appreciate any effort of our public schools. A good illustration of this is the fact that the net receipts of the play, "Mishaps of Minerva," was \$47, all of which was placed in the library fund and with the balance left from the commencement fund materially increased the library equipment of our school. The funds were divided equally between the Grades and the High School and 300 pupils are now enjoying the books purchased. The play selected for this open number of the Literary Society is entitled "Billy's Bungalow" and is a real, live, wholesome, happy farce in three acts. It will be ready about March 1, and will be given at the Gem Theatre.

We missed from our number last week our faithful pupils, Misses Abby and Josephine and Master Hanson Murray, who were called to Iowa to attend the funeral of their grandfather, Mr. James B. Laughlin. We extend to them and their mother, Mrs. Joseph Murray, the sympathy of schoolmates and faculty in their bereavement of this devoted grandfather and father.

We enjoyed immensely the article, "Making the Calendar," published in The Sentinel last week. Aside from the value of the contribution itself, this scholarly, interesting, and instructive article was from the pen of our own primary teacher, Mrs. G. W. Murphy, which fact doubled the pleasure. Every reader of The Sentinel should preserve this article. It is complete and concise information on an interesting subject.

The debating club held a most interesting session last Friday. All of the members were present except one who was sick. Reed's Rules of Order were adopted for use by the society. Committees were elected to select a name for the club and draw up a constitution and by-laws. The debate was good in spite of the fact that the teams had only one week to prepare.

This afternoon, (Friday, the 23d,) will be the regular program of the Literary Society. Visitors are welcome. The program follows:

1. Instrumental Solo..... Hazel Patterson  
"Woodland Echoes."
2. Current Events..... Fred Markt
3. Recitation..... Irene Dillon  
"Dot Washington Boy."
4. Nature Study..... George Crouser  
"Fox Ways."
5. Biography..... John Kinzie  
"Julius Caesar."
6. Recitation..... Giles Cooper  
"The Dancing School."
7. Instrumental Solo..... Gladys Raiser
8. Debate: "Resolved, That There Should Be an Educational Test as a Qualification for Voting".....  
Affirmative: Katherine King, Hanson Murray  
Negative: Reed Bailey, Gladys Raiser
9. Review..... Olive Kreek  
"The True George Washington."
10. Reading..... Nellie Kunkel  
"Washington an Old-Time Believer."
11. Chorus..... Glee Club  
"Fare in the Amber West."
12. Bird Study..... Harold Peret  
"The Chickadee."
13. Recitation..... Alma Springer  
"The Lost Pony."

One of the largest and oldest teachers' agencies in the U. S. lists 75 personal qualities of a good teacher. Among them—energy, initiative, decision, ambition, persistence, tact, discretion, courtesy, power to persuade and control, self-control, honesty, fairness, loyalty, cheerfulness, sympathy, enthusiasm, faith, courage, alertness, resourcefulness, judgment, dignified bearing, cultured speech, pleasant voice, graceful manners, genuine smile, cordial handshake, neat dress. There are quite a number of other qualities mentioned but the above will furnish a guide for self-examination.

The county textbook commission is charged with the responsibility of choosing textbooks for the use of all the schools in the county for the next five years. To date the commission has met 22 representatives of the various publishers and received over 200 sample books for examination. The adoption will be made April 20. Verily the ways of the textbook commission are not easy even though they be not crooked.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

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—Jim Watson and wife, who went to Falls City to try their luck, has come back, and returned to Napier, satisfied with old Holt.

### The Winter of 1911-12.

The wintry winds came  
With a furious gale,  
And soon all nature  
Looked deathly pale.  
For the warm weather  
Which had tarried long,  
Sped southward in haste  
Before the wintry song.

And as the mercury dropped  
It went to cold zero,  
And there it never stopped  
But soon was far below.  
While the ground was covered  
With a sheet of icy snow  
And around the fire we hovered  
But outside we'd seldom go.

And when we'd even dare  
To step upon the snow,  
It would not be very long  
Till in the house we'd go.  
While the wind's mad to say  
You're a Missourian I know,  
But I am king of cold to day,  
And you'll surely show.

This what's a king indeed  
As king of cold I sing,  
He annihilated Napoleon's hosts  
A hundred years ago.  
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To effect his overthrow  
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—R. H. WHIPPLE.

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